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LARRY RAY and his brother, JERRY WILLIAM RAY, who were suspects in robberies of the Farmers Bank of Liberty, Liberty, Ill., on 10/17/69 and Farmers and Traders Bank of Meredosia, Meredosia, Ill., on 1/28/70. Photos of the group of RAY associates were brought to the bank by Agents from St. Louis and witnesses from outside the bank the day before the robbery and witnesses involved in the robbery identified photographs of TURLEY and HAYNES. Federal process was obtained. was arrested in St. Louis a day or so after the robbery and marked money from the robbery was recovered on his TURLEY was arrested in St. Louis a week or so later and no money was recovered. A showup was held at St. Louis PD for witnesses from all three robberies. There witnesses picked HAYNES as being the person who ran the bank robbery but were not as positive on TURLEY. One witness from the Meredosia bank robbery picked the photograph of TURLEY as being the tall bank robber and HAYNES as being the short bank robber.

Both subjects TURLEY and HAYNES were being tried in USDC, St. Louis, during November, 1970. During the trial HAYNES changed his plea from not guilty to guilty and testified for the government. He testified TURLEY was with him but he would not name the other participants until the judge directed him to. He named his associates as JOHN LARRY RAY, JAMES RUSSELL TURLEY, JAMES RUSSELL ROGERS, and ERNEST TURLEY. At the end of the trial TURLEY was acquitted.

Audrain County Sheriff HAROLD SULGROVE, now deceased, had state robbery warrants for both subjects with him. The warrants had been issued shortly after the bank robbery. After the acquittal of TURLEY he called Prosecuting Attorney THOMAS I. OSBORN at Mexico and asked him if he could bring TURLEY back for trial. OSBORN told him to bring him back but he would discuss the prosecution later.

TURLEY's lawyer called OSBORN and he also talked to AUSA KENNETH R. HEINEMAN who tried TURLEY in USDC and OSBORN decided that he would tell the defense attorney that if TURLEY would take a polygraph examination and pass he would not try TURLEY, however, if TURLEY would refuse to take the examination he would have to try him. OSBORN advised the defense attorney that with TURLEY's record and the eye witnesses he thought that he owed it to the state to

try TURLEY.

TURLEY appealed the fact that he was being tried after being acquitted in Federal court to the Missouri Court of Appeals, U. S. Court of Appeals, and the U. S. Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals denied his appeal and the Supreme Court would not hear the case. He was later ordered for trial on a change of venue in Warren County Circuit Court in Warrenton, Mo.

While out on bond and awaiting the court decisions Audrain County Sheriff SULGROVE was in one of the St. Louis City police precincts when TURLEY and his wife were brought in for some violation. His wife said "I lied for you one time but I'm not going to lie for you again." During the subsequent trial in Warren County Circuit Court SULGROVE remembered this and got the detective to testify who had this information.

TURLEY was tried, convicted and sentenced to 30 years in the state penitentiary. While awaiting transportation to the state penitentiary he escaped from the Warren County Jail and was later apprehended on a UFAP warrant in Florida by FBI Agents.

On 11/7/78 former Prosecuting Attorney THOMAS I. OSBORN, Mexico, Mo., advised that he got a telephone call from a reporter, BILL FREIGOVEL of the St. Louis Post Dispatch newspaper, saying he was doing a story on the bank robbery at Laddonia in 1970. He advised that the House Select Committee on Assassinations investigators had information from JAMES RUSSELL ROGERS and CLARENCE EDGAR HAYNES that ERNEST TURLEY was not involved in the robbery. OSBORN was asked a number of questions about the case and including why witnesses, when interviewed by SA WILLIAM R. DUNCAN, Resident Agent handling the investigation, were not too positive of an identification but when they went to trial their identification was very positive. He also wanted to know if DUNCAN called OSBORN after TURLEY's acquittal in St. Louis and requested that he be brought back for state prosecution. He also asked if it was not DUNCAN who pushed the state prosecution.

OSBORN told the reporter that the warrants for TURLEY and HAYNES were outstanding since June, 1970, shortly after the bank robbery and that Sheriff HAROLD SULGROVE called him and told him he was bringing TURLEY back on the warrant and that DUNCAN did not push TURLEY's investigation and did not push for his trial in state court. OSBORN said that he thought that the witnesses probably were not too positive at the time of the bank robbery since the subjects had on nylon stockings, but after seeing them in person were positive. He asked the reporter if he had seen the good showup photograph that was taken both with the nylon stockings and without and the reporter advised that he had not.

OSBORN was asked by the reporter what he thought about the House Select Committee on Assassinations petition to the Governor of Missouri for a pardon for TURLEY. He responded that he had not heard of any pardon motion.

On 11/7/78 Mrs. RUBY MAY HAMLETT, Vice President, Laddonia State Bank, Laddonia, Mo., advised that St. Louis Post Dispatch reporter, BILL FREIGOVEL called her saying he was doing an article on the bank robbery of the Laddonia State Bank in 1970. Since Mrs. HAMLETT's husband, State Representative RAY HAMLETT, was running for re-election the same day, she asked if this was not political and he advised that the story would not be released until after the election.

She was asked by FREIGOVEL to comment on the fact that when she was interviewed by SA DUNCAN the day of the bank robbery she said one thing about who took the money and then when she testified in State court she said something else. She advised that the reporter was to call her back but did not.

Both OSBORN and HAMLETT said that the reporter was allegedly reading from the court transcript of the trial.

For information of the Bureau, SA WILLIAM R. DUNCAN was interviewed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations staff on 11/21/77 and 11/29/77 and testified before the subcommittee on 11/30/77 concerning an incident alleged to have happened at the Louisville, Kentucky PD during September, 1965.

Further it is to be noted that the St. Louis Division presently has a Federal parole violator warrant for CLARENCE EDGAR HAYNES.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

The St. Louis file on the Laddonia bank robbery has been destroyed under the Bureau's file destruction policy and is therefore not available.

1 - Mr. Adams 1 - Mr. McDermott 1 - Mr. Bassett - Mr. Mintz Attn: Mr. Coulson

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1 - Mr. Foster

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Honorable Louis Stokes Chairman

Home Select Committee on Assassinations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed please find a copy of an FBI document dated May 26, 1971, regarding an individual named Oliver Patterson, as well as one copy each of three related items of correspondence. The documents were furnished to this Bureau via the United States Department of Justice by Harold Weisberg, a private citizen, author and selfstyled assassinations prober. Mr. Weisberg indicated that he received the document from Oliver Patterson, the subject of the item itself.

The document, further identified as coming from St. Louis FBI file 170-176A, serial 105, was furnished to your Committee in response to a Committee request dated anuary 26, 1978. This document, which by its very mature is extremely sensitive, was provided to the Mommittee in order that the Committee might have available to it all retrievable material regarding Mr. Patterson.

In view of the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Attorney General and the House Select Committee on Assassinations, specifically Item VII regarding Disclosure of Information, and assuming the above is an accurate portrayal of the sequence of events, it is particularly disturbing to this Bureau that a docu-Ment of this nature entered the public domain in such a

manner.

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## Honorable Louis Stokes

The FBI has provided the Committee voluminous pages of sensitive and classified material and has maintained a policy of continued cooperation and full disclosure. Therefore, the Committee is requested to insure that such documents are afforded the proper and necessary security. Additionally, if the Committee intends to disclose or utilize material from sensitive or classified FBI documents during the course of public hearings or in its final public report, the spirit as well as the tenets of our Memorandum of Understanding should be adhered to.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Webster. Director

## Enclosures (4)

1 - Mr. Robert Keuch (Enclosures)
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Honorable Louis Stokes

By request dated 1/26/78, the HSCA was provided all retrievable information regarding Oliver Patterson, a former source of our St. Louis Division. Patterson provided a signed waiver authorizing release of his files. The release included the enclosed document in its relatively unsanitized version. This document is not known to have been released to the public domain through FOIA or any other litigation proceedings. The document and related correspondence were subsequently provided to Mr. Quinlan Shea, Jr., Director, Office of Privacy and Appeals, Department of Justice, by one Harold Weisberg, who was characterized within. It is noted that the three items of related correspondence provided by Weisberg represent correspondence between Weisberg and G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel, HSCA, relating to Weisburg's contacts with Patterson. Mr. Shea provided the documents to the Congressional Inquiry Unit, Records Management Division, for appropriate action. This letter to the Honorable Louis Stokes, Chairman of HSCA, satisfies same. The Xeroxing of all items are the best available copies.

Item VII of the Memorandum of Understanding requires that the HSCA notify the Attorney General of its intention to disclose information which may tend to identify FBI informants, potential informants or confidential sources. The document in question is sensitive because it is a report from a former FBI informant, contains FBI insight and method of investigating a white hate organization and involves the privacy rights of numerous individuals named therein.

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On Saturday, May 8, 1971, OLIVER PATTERSON & wife LESLIE PATTERSON arrived in Savannah, Georgia to visit with J.B. STONER, DR. EDMARD FIELDS. JERRY RAY of the HSPP Headquarters and later expected RICHARD GEPPERT AND TERRANCE ROSE of the Granite City, Illinois Chapter of the MSRP. The PATTERSON'S checked into the Downtowner Motel Saturday night.

On Sunday, May 9, 1971. OLIVER PATTERSON called the NSRP headquarters at Montgomery Crossroads in Savannah and talked to JERRY RAY who answered the phone. JERRY RAY asked where PATTERSON way and OLIVER PATTERSON told JDRRY RAY that the PATTERSON/S were in Savannah. RAY asked PATTERSON if PATTERSON had gotten in touch with J.B. STONER yet . since arriving. PATTERSUN said no. JERRY RAY proceeded to tell OLIVER PATTERSON about JERRY RAY'S brother, JAMES EARL RAY, escape attempt from prison in Tennessee. JERRY RAY said to OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY RAY had happened to be in the vicinity of the prison at the time the attempt occurred. JERRY PAY said that JERRY had just been going to visit JAMES EARL RAY and that when JERRY heard about the escape attempt JERRY went to the prison and was questioned by both the warden and F.B.I. men as to why JERRY RAY just happened to be in Tennessee at the time of the attempt. JERRY RAY was interviewed by local newspapers and local television stations while near the prison. In the interviews. JERRY RAY TOIR OLIVER PATTERSON that JERRY had critized the FBI in the interviews.

JERRY RAY tells PATTERSON how to get to the party headquarters and the conversation ended. OLIVER & LESLIE PATTERSON arrived at the MSRP headquarters at about 2:00 p.m. May 9, 1971.

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At the headquarters, when the BATTERSON'S arrived, were JERRY RAY, J.B. STONER, & PETER XAVIER. JERRY RAY, J.B. STONER & the PATTERSONS talked about JAMES EARL RAYS escape attempt & STONER was in the process. of writing a letter to someone about the attempt disclaiming the whole thing because as J.B. STONER reasoned, who would plan an escape attempt through a 400° oven. JERRY RAY showed the PATTERSONS articles of the escape attempt and finally the conversation turned to JOHN RAY and the b ank robbery in St. Charles, Missouri. J.B. STONER told the PATTERSONS that one of the jurors felt sorry for JOHN RAY after he had been convicted of the robbery. JERRY RAY, at that point, added "I wonder if anybody is gonna feel sorry for BOHAR" & then RAY and STONER looked at one another and laughed. JERRY RAY & PETE XAVIER left for Savannah Beach & J.B. STONER and the PATTERSONS went to a Red Lobster Restaurant across the street from the headquarters for lunch. STONER asked PATTERSON when PATTERSONS expected RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE to arrive in Savannah. PATTERSON, OLIVER, told STONER that GEPPERT & ROSE were to arrive Monday, May 10, 1971, in the late afternoon after a gun show of RICHARD GEPPERT'S in Cincinatti. Ohio. GEPPERT had told O. PATTERSON to find out from J.B. STONER If STONER was going to attend the Jacksonville, Florida meeting scheduled for that evening and if J.B. SICKER was to attend, be sure to wait for GEPPERT and ROSE so that they could go also. STOMER said that he was not going to attend & that DR. EDMARD FIELDS was going to make the speech. After lunch, the PATTERSON'S went to Savannah Beach, Georgia & J.B. STONER went somewhere undisclosed. The PATTERSON'S checked in at Savannah Beach Day's Inn Hotel which is located a couple blocks from J.B. STONERS rented home.

<sup>\*</sup> Just before lunch. JERRY RAY & J.B. STONER both made other comments about getting BOPAR.

On Monday, May 10, 1971, the PATTERSONS arrived at pary headquarters talked with J.B. STOHER & JERRY RAY. Three girls in the office were ver busy. JERRY RAY & the PATTERSONS left to take LESLIE PATTERSON shopping. OLIVER PATTERSON & JERRY RAY talked about JAMES EARL RAY & JERRY RAY said to OLIVER PATTERSCH that JERRY didn't want to say too much but JERRY RAY knew, and the FBI knew, that there was another party involved in the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. JERRY RAY did say that JAMES EARL RAY was the one who pulled the trigger! OLIVER PATTERSON & JERRY RAY, while L. PATTERSON shopped, went to Ernie's A-Go-Go at the intersection of Hwy. 80 & Skidaway Road. JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON that JERRY RAY only knew of a few places in town to drink & Ernie's A-Go-Go- was one of them. JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON continued the talk about JAMES EARL RAY. JERRY RAY Lold O. PATTERSON that it probably wouldn't be the last time that JAMES EARL RAY tried to escape. JERRY RAY told O. PATIERSON that both JERRY RAY & JOHN RAY were both kind of upset over the fact that JAMES EARL WAS the oldest of the three but was the only one of the three boys to have all his hair and teeth. JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON returned and picked up L. PATTERSON and went to one of the printers that the MSPP uses and picked up 300 mailers which were to be sent to the entire st ate of Michigan announcing a meeting in Flint, Michigan, the 15th of May, where MSRP leader, MIKE LANDIS, was coming from Chicago to speak. After picking up the mailers. & a shoe sized box of NSRP membership cards. JERRY RAY & the PATTERSONS returned to MSRP headquarters.

'At the headquarters, the PATTERSUN'S helped JERRY RAY mail out - the 300 notices of the Flint Michigan meeting by stuffing, stamping , and sealing the envelopes. J. B. SICHER made mention that the MSRP postage bill, per month, is usually right around \$800.00. The activity around the headquarters was at a rapid pace. the PATTERSONS left the headquarters for Savannah Boach and checked into the Veranda Motel, room 46, where they stayed through Saturday morning, May 15, 1971. Just as the PAITERSONS arrived at the room the phone rang & it was JERRY RAY telling the PATTERSONS that RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE had arrived in Savannah and were heading for the Veranda Motel in Savannah Boach immediately. GEPPERT & ROSE arrived at the Veranda motel at approximately 5:00 p.m. and obtained room no. 47. The PATTERSONS, GEPPERT & RUSE went to the beach. J.B. STONER arrived at the sotel at about 8:00 p.m. & JERRY RAY arrived shortly thereafter. The evening consisted of talk of hating niggers & jews & the fbi and of a card game. J.B. STONER left at 2:00 a.m. May 11, 1971 and JERRY RAY stayed to talk. O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE listened to JERRY RAY talk about the "CAT MAN" witness against JOHN RAY and JERRY RAY told O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE that someone had bloodied up the CAT MAN and tied & him to the back of a car and drove with the CAT MAN tied like that. JERRY said to B. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE that the day after this happened to the CAT MAN that the CAT MAN came to JERRY RAYS sisters house in St. Louis & told JERRY RAY, JERRY RAYS dad & his sister. that he was going to file 3 charges against JERRY RAY for doing this to .. the CAT MAN unless JERRY RAY gave the CAT MAN money to keep quiet.

JERRY RAY, his sister, and his day, told the CAT MAN to beat it. JERRY RAY Left St. Louis the day before JOHN RAYS sentencing because JERRY RAY thought that this might be brought up in court and hurt JOHN RAYS chances. JERRY RAY left at about 2:45 a.m. (Before JERRY RAY left talk revolved around BOMAR, JOHN RAY & doing things "in the dead of night" to different people including BOMAR, BUT doing these things individually to lessen the chance of being caught.)

Tuesday, May 11, 1971, after a full day at the beach with GEPPERT & ROSE,

O. & L. PATTERSON, RICHARD GEPPERT & TERRY ROSE drove into NSRP headquarters picked up J.B. STONER and drove to the nearby Oglethorp Mall for dinner. Hatred of niggers and jews was the main topic of conversation - although J.B. STONER did (surprisingly) tip his nigger waiter. After dinner all returned to NSRP headquarters. JERRY RAY showed GEPPERT, ROSE & THE PATTERSONS how JERRY RAY shot the burglar, BLACK, when BLACK was trying to steal the NSRP records. GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS returned to the Veranda motel and retired for the evening.

On Wednesday morning, May 12, 1971. O. PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE went to the NSRP headquarters and picked up JB STONER & JERRY RAY and drove to Armstrong College where J.B. STONER was scheduled to speak at 12:30 in front of a political information group on the campus. While at the headquarters though, a couple by the name of Lippert (sp?) driving a maroon Corvair, came to attend the speaking engagement also. J.B. STONER acted very cold toward the LIPPERIS. On the trip to Armstrong College the LIPPERIS followed O. PATTERSONS car and JB STONER told GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON that STONER thought that LIPPERIS were fbi infultrators so steer clear of the LIPPERIS.

At Armstrong College, J.B. STONER spoke to an overflow crowd of better than 300 students and flanking STONER on the stage were JERRY RAY & RICHARD GEPPERT. ROSE & D. PATTERSON stayed at the edge of the stage behind the curtains to ward off any possible attacks from the rear.

O. PATTERSON had parked his car directly behind the auditorium so that if a hasty exit was necessary they would be prepared. STONERS speech consisted of hating niggers & jews, the federal reserve system & the screwed up nigger postal system, etc. Upon completion of the speech questions were asked by the audience and J.B. STONER answered the questions and then STONER was hustied back out the rear door without any trouble. STONER, GEPPERT, ROSE, JERRY RAY & O. PATTERSON on the trip back to headquarters reflected that all the hecklers were niggers or sheenies, but that there was a group of loyal whites scattered throughout who listened but were afraid of the jews & niggers to come to JB STONERS defense.

DR. EDMARD FIELDS & his wife & J.B. STONER arrived at the Veranda Motel at about 8:30 p.m. Nednedday evening, May 12th. Topics of conversation were niggers, sheenies, & RICHARD GEPPERTS Nazi war medals. STONER, DR. FIELDS & his wife left the motel around 10:30 p.m. & GEPPERT, ROSE & THE PATTERSONS watched the 11:00 news to see the film clips of J.B. STONERS speech at Armstrong College. GEPPERT was very anxious to see GEPPERT on television and talked of the day when he would become head of the NSRP.

On Thursday, May 13, 1971, GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON went to the NSR2 headquarters at about 11:00 a.m. The secretaries at the headquarters ran off a list of subscribers to the NSRP "THUNDERBOLT" for the entire state of Missouri and three zip codes in 111inois - (620 to 623) These were given to GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON.

PATTERSON, GEPPERT & ROSE did menial work around the filthy headquarters and then returned to the Veranda Mctel at around 3:30 p.m. At the motel GEPPERT, ROSE & O. PATTERSON clipped and pasted the addresses on individual index cards. GEPPERT made mention of the fact to ROSE & O. PATTERSON that & O. KERN could not see these records.

J.B. STONER arrived at the motel at about 9:00 p.m. and once again GEPPERT, ROSE, STONER & O. PATTERSON talked of their hatred for niggers and jews. STONER left by midnight.

On Friday, May 14, 1971, GEPPERT, ROSE & PATTERSONS went to the NSRP headquarters and RICHARD GEPPERT picked out \$125.00 worth of NSRP literature, medals and patches, etc. to bring back to St. Louis to sell to local NSRP members. It was also decided that O. PATTERSON would be official photographer since hexks O. PATTERSON has a Polaroid camera. While GEPPERT picked out his material, ROSE & PATTERSONS copied names of right wingers in Illinois (zip code 620 to 623 that were on an IBH list of people who have at one time or another subscribed to right-wing literature). TERRY ROSE asked DR. FIELDS how the NSRP attained this national huge list of names & DR. FIELDS refused to answer. DR. FIELDS' wife asked the PATTERSONS if the PATTERSONS would like to go dancing and hear a great Chicago band. Friday night the PATTERSON met the FIELDS at theix the FIELDS home and proceeded to the Esquire Bar in PATTERSONS car. DR. FIFLDS made

DR. FIELDS and his wife go there every available Friday night. While walking in the front door of the Esquire bar the FIELDS & PATTERSONS rant into the FIELDS good friends RANDY & JANE GOULD. JANE GOULD used to be a secretary at MSKP Headquarters and RANDY GOULD is a sheetmetal apprentice. THE PATTERSONS, FIELDS & GOULDS all sat together and ordered a drink. The music started and the bank, the CHICAGO FENDERS, were just as wild and loud as can be imagined! When one could hear over the music, DR. FIELDS mentioned that he would like to see the PATTERSONS come to Los Angeles and that DR. FIELDS and family were going to spend three weeks on their way to Los Angeles to a national meeting of the HSRP stopping and speaking in all major cities on his way. (DR. FIELDS is a chiropractor). DR. FIELDS said that there should be over 1,000 people in Los Angles. J.B.STONER had mentioned that he was not and would not attend but STONER did not make mention as to why. DR. FIELDS told the PATTERSONS that they (the PATTERSONS) would not be treated as the common people attending but that the PATTERSONS would be invited to all the gala doings and meet all the right people at the meeting. DR. FIELDS also mentioned that once a month DR. FIELDS drives to Atlanta, Georgia to get the Ihunderbolt printed as otherwise the editor fills in the vacant spaces with recipes and jokes. (Earlier in the week J.B. STONER had inferred to the PATTERSONS that the headquarters would eventually be built from the building fund in Savannah because the police in Savannah were more sympathetic that elsewhere. Particulary wherethe headquarters had once been. DR. FIELDS said that they were 90% sure that the headquarters (new) would be in Atalanta or right:outside of Atlanta. While the PATTERSONS were with